

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A handheld portable data terminal having an integrated code reader (for example, optical bar-code reader) for data entry and a touch-screen enabled graphical user interface (which may include virtual rolling keys, a scroll bar, virtual key pad, and the like) for interacting with a user to enter user-supplied information. In addition, the data terminal preferably includes a wireless communication interface for data communication with a remote computing device over a wireless communication channel. The data read by the integrated code reader (and possibly communicated to the remote computing device over the wireless communication interface) preferably includes product information, information identifying a medical patient, or information related a medical patient (such as personal information gathered upon admittance for care, information related to past medical history of the medical patient, and information related to vital statistics of the medical patient).